



Division I

COUNTIES SERVED | Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, Washington

Police Aim to Save Lives with "Booze It & Lose It"



The Governor's Highway Safety Program reminds drivers not to drink and drive.

Due to the increase in drunk driving-related fatalities around the holidays each year, state and local law enforcement agencies across North Carolina were out in full force for the holiday Booze It & Lose It campaign. The statewide campaign lasted from December 11, 2015 through Jan. 3.

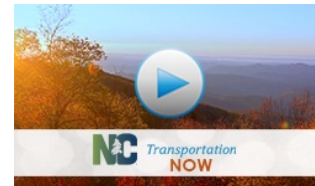
Their efforts resulted in 3,074 DWI charges in which 252 were drug-related charges and 2,822 were alcohol related.

Nearly 350 law enforcement agencies participated in the campaign, issuing 105,020 traffic and criminal citations in addition to the 2,822 DWI charges at 10,914 checking stations and saturation patrols across the state.

The top five counties for DWI arrests during the campaign were as follows:

- Wake County - 260;
- Guilford County - 208;
- Mecklenburg County - 168;
- Cumberland County - 136; and
- Forsyth County - 125.

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Outer Banks Sees First Snow of the Season

The Outer Banks saw its first snow of the season earlier this month.

Crews Begin Turnpike Road Bridge Replacement this Month in Perquimans County

NCDOT this month will close a section of Turnpike Road in Perquimans County near the Pasquotank County Line.

This closure between Craney Island Road and Lynch's Corner Road is necessary for crews with McLean Contracting Co. of Glen Burnie, MD, to replace the 45-year-old bridge over the Perquimans River.

Because of its condition, NCDOT posted a weight limit restricting single-axle vehicles weighing more than 38 tons and trucks weighing more than 44 tons from using the bridge. The new bridge will meet current design standards and will not have posted weight limits. Work is expected to take approximately 100 days to complete, with the road reopening in mid-to-late April 2016, weather permitting.

The bridge will be closed to through traffic during the replacement project with a detour in place. Motorists will use Sandy Cross Road, Acorn Hill Road and U.S. 158 to travel around the construction site. Local traffic will be able to access the closure; however, they will not be able to cross the construction site.

NCDOT has coordinated with local emergency management on plans to ensure that emergency response and law enforcement will not be impeded during the road closure.

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New Projects and Updated Construction Schedules Approved

Mid-Currituck Bridge construction moved up to FY 2017



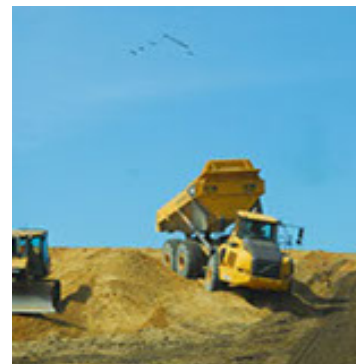
Rendering of intersection of U.S. 158 and Mid-Currituck Bridge.

At their meeting this month, the N.C. Board of Transportation

Light wintry weather fell overnight and through the morning of Jan. 5. Crews from Dare County Maintenance addressed areas of snow and ice on U.S. 158 from Pirate's Cove, north through Kitty Hawk, as well as on N.C. 12 from Southern Shores, north through Duck and Corolla. In total, crews spread 24 tons of salt.

Maintenance crews throughout Division One are prepared for potential winter weather this season. Crews have done dry runs of their routes, equipment has been prepared and supplies have been restocked.

For information on how NCDOT crews prepare for the winter weather season, visit our [website](#).



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approved new transportation projects, as well as accelerated schedules for already-planned projects, as part of the [2016-2025 State Transportation Improvement Program \(STIP\)](#) - NCDOT's 10-year construction plan. These changes, called amendments, were made possible thanks to Governor Pat McCrory's 2015 budget.

For Division One, several new projects have been added, and multiple other projects moved up in schedule. These include nine new and accelerated [highway projects](#); 16 new and accelerated aviation projects such as land purchases, runway and taxiway construction; and two ferry projects including a new River-Class ferry, as well as a new tug. A list of these ferry and aviation projects can be found [here](#).

As part of this approval, the schedule for construction of the [Mid-Currituck Bridge](#) over the Currituck Sound has been accelerated from Fiscal Year 2019 to FY 17.

At their November meeting, the board approved \$5.7 million for the advance purchase of property at the planned eastern end of the Mid-Currituck Bridge, located south of the northern end of N.C. 12. The purchase was finalized in late December. Purchasing the property in advance allows NCDOT to save taxpayer dollars by purchasing the land at a lower price than it potentially could have cost, had the property had been developed before construction of the bridge.

In addition to the Mid-Currituck Bridge, the following are a sample of projects added or moved up in Division One:

- Widen U.S. 158 in Dare County from U.S. 64 and N.C. 12, north to the Wright Memorial Bridge. Right of way scheduled for FY 25 with construction unfunded. This project will be subject to reprioritization in the next STIP; however, the funding allows for the planning process to begin;
- Improve the intersection of N.C. 12 and U.S. 158 in Dare County. Right of way scheduled for FY 24 with construction unfunded. This project will be subject to reprioritization in the next STIP; however, the funding allows for the planning process to begin;
- Modernize U.S. 258 in Northampton County from the Halifax County Line to the Rich Square Town Limits. Construction scheduled for FY 20; and
- Widen and resurface New Hope Road in Perquimans County from Union Hall Road to Woodland Church Road. Construction moved up from FY 19 to FY 18.

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Ferry Division Assembles Dredge

Crews at the state shipyard are putting together a dredge!

This pipeline dredge was built in Louisiana and is currently being assembled in Manns Harbor. When it's finished in a few months, it will be christened the "Manteo," and will help keep state-maintained waters navigable.



Drawing of what the dredge "Manteo" will look like upon completion.

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